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SUBJECT: POSSIBLY LESS ACTIVE ICCS IN REGION VI

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM CAN THO JULY 23

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QUOTE CAN THO 0594

1. COL PHAM NGOC LOI, GVN/JMC DELEGATION HEAD IN REGION VI, TOLD A VICE CONSUL JULY 22 THAT THE ICCS HAD TOLD HIM THEY WILL CONDUCT NO FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A REPLACEMENT FOR CANADA ARRIVES. COL LOI SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS EVIDENTLY MADE BY THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS AND THE INDONESIANS CAVED IN. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT BUT NOT SURPRISE AT THE ICCS ATTITUDE.

2. COMMENT: COL LOI AND THE CANADIANS IN REGION VI HAVE ANTICIPATED THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE CANADIANS WOULD SIGNAL THE END OF THE HERETOFORE ACTIVIST ROLE OF THE ICCS THERE. THEY ANTICIPATED THAT THE POLES AND HUNGARIANS
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WOULD INSIST. AS THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY, THAT THE ICCS SERVE

ONLY AS A MEANS TO BRING THE TWO VIETNAMESE SIDES TOGETHER. SUCH A DECISION SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN REGION VI, BEARING OUT THE WORST FEARS OF THE CANADIANS AND COL LOI.

3. FROM THE GVN VIEWPOINT, ICCS INACTIVITY SHOULD CAUSE NO CONCERN UNTIL A CANADIAN REPLACEMENT IS APPOINTED: THE GVN COULD EXPECT LITTLE IF ANY JUSTICE FROM POLISH-HUNGARIAN-DOMINATED INVESTIGATIONS. THE REAL DANGER IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE POLISH-HUNGARIAN VIEW WILL PREVAIL IN THE LONGER RUN, EVEN AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF A FOURTH ICCS MEMBER. WE ARE NOT PRIVY TO STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS RE A FOURTH FOR ICCS BRIDGE NOR EXPECT TO BE. HOWEVER, WHEN A FOURTH PARTY IS AGREED ON, HOPE WE CAN FIND WAYS TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE ACTIVIST CANADIAN ROLE ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 3C AND 7. SIGNED LEHMANN UNQUOTE
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